




**YEAR 9
SLT Chat**



RISEDALE
A family of learners

Welcome





- **Our Year 9s are a fantastic year group with a huge amount of potential.**
- **For example, 7500 Epraise points have been issued to this year group.**
- **However, Year 9 is a critical year group and we want to make sure your child enters Year 10 ready for GCSE study.**
- **This SLT Chat is to keep you informed and allow you to ask questions.**



Pillars of Success



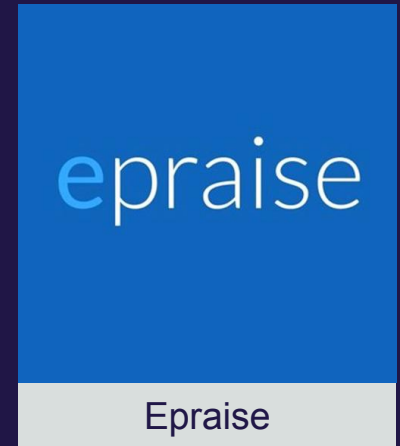
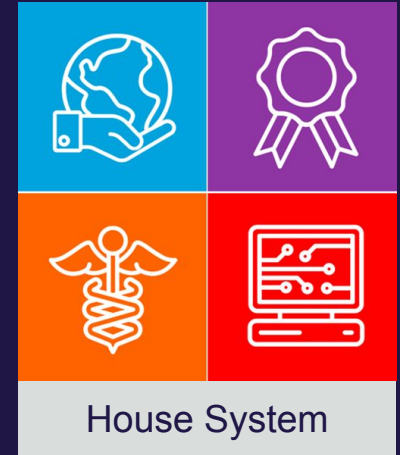
The five pillars: The main mantra of our curriculum is to be inclusive, to challenge and engage all pupils positively in their learning through a broader understanding of the world around them. Throughout this, we emphasise kindness and empathy through a family ethos. To achieve this, we have 5 clear pillars which underpin our whole school curriculum vision.

The House System



#TEAMRISEDALE

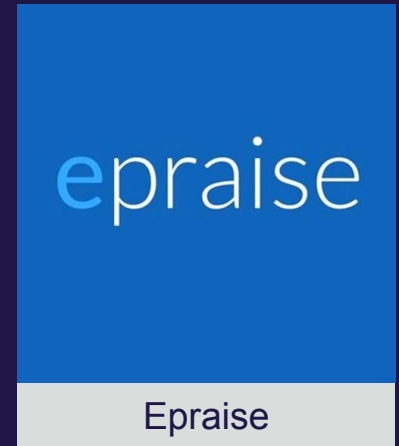
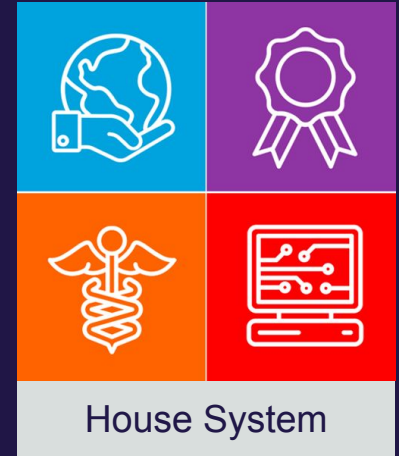
Epraise = House Points and Rewards



Epraise

- Pupils earn Epraise house points for excellent contributions to lessons and in our school and local community.
- Some house points are linked to our Pillars of Success.
- Each Monday, TEN pupils in Year 9 with a high Epraise score for the previous week are recognised.
- Each morning Tues - Fri, TEN pupils with a high Epraise score from the previous day are celebrated.
- Epraise points can then be exchanged for rewards from our 'Epraise Shop'.
- The School Council are looking at improving this so that there is a much greater variety of rewards available from next half term onwards.
- Pupils and parents can track Epraise points via an app or the [online portal](#).

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Year 9 Form Tutors



Mr Garvey



Mr Sandell



Dr Shephard



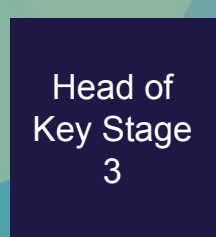
Miss Smith



Mrs Vizor



Mrs Wright



Meet the SEND Team



Miss Burke



Ms Blatch



Mr Higham



Mrs Davies



Miss Hardstaff

Looking after pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
(S E N D)

SENCO: Miss Burke. Assistant SENCOs: Ms Blatch (Teaching and Learning Development) and Mr Higham (Pupil Development).

SEND Specialist Teacher: Mrs Davies. SEND Administrator: Miss Hardstaff.

Our Teaching Assistant Team and SEND Pupil Mentors



Mrs Brown



Mrs Carlisle



Mrs Deighton



Miss Lowe



Mr Meacher



Mrs Piper



Mrs Pippett



Miss Smith

Year 9 Focus and Celebration Month

- All of our pupils are respectful and lovely young people.
- Sincere praise goes a long way, and so many of our pupils are deserving of this.
- We are going to focus on praising the hundreds of young people getting it right each day through consistent/daily rewards.
- We are asking our staff to make positive contact home, either through a phone call or email.
- Successful pupils will be invited on positive reward trips such as Air Trail at Tees Barrage.
- Ensure that every child has a right to learn.



Year 9 Focus and Celebration Month

- Every child has a right to learn.
- Collaboration and discussion is an important part of learning.
- Also, your child deserves quiet time to reflect on their learning.
- Furthermore, your child deserves quiet time to be able to listen and learn in a calm, safe environment.
- We want to reassure you that, alongside the praise, we will not tolerate a small minority of pupils who are disrupting the learning of others.



Lesson Expectations and Consistency

- **All teaching staff will meet and greet all pupils positively at their classroom door.**
- **Pupils will line up and enter the classroom respectfully and in silence and begin the learning activity whilst the teacher takes the register.**
- **To facilitate positive learning and mature discussion, pupils will be silent unless told otherwise by the teacher.**
- **Pupils will of course be allowed to communicate, debate and do group work when directed by the teacher.**
- **Teaching staff will issue Epraise points to recognise all the amazing work taking place and daily rewards and positive communication home will be issued in recognition of this.**
- **Members of staff will follow any individual support plans, and ensure the needs of all pupils are met and clearly understood.**

Lesson Expectations and Consistency

- **However, if a pupil is NOT following expectations, there will be a clear stepped approach.**
 - **RS1: A clear verbal warning will be given.**
 - **RS2: An RS2 will be recorded and you will be able to see this via MCAS.**
 - **RS3: Your child will be removed INSTANTLY and taken to our Reflection Room for 6 full lessons. The member of staff WILL ring you, the same day if possible, to discuss.**
- **Pupils will work in SILENCE in the Reflection Room (or an appropriate other venue if required/as per individual pupil support plan).**
- **If they do not follow expectations here, we will follow a similar stepped approach, and then parents will be contacted IMMEDIATELY and sanctions will be escalated accordingly.**
- **We reserve the right to use suspensions, according to our behaviour policy, to sanction pupils who are disturbing the learning of others.**

Homework

- We are going to start gradually building up the homework that pupils receive over the next few terms.
- Homework helps pupils to consolidate their learning in class, or it may help prepare them for new learning.
- Sometimes homework helps to diversify the different topics covered and allow them to explore in more detail.
- Homework is important to develop independent learners who will be successful in Year 11 and beyond.
- Homework will look different from subject to subject.

Google Classroom Parent Alerts

Parents can receive email summaries showing their child's progress in Google Classroom. To become a 'Google Guardian' simply complete this form ['Google Classroom Summary Alerts'](#) and our IT team will set this up for you.



Homework



Google Classroom

Equipment

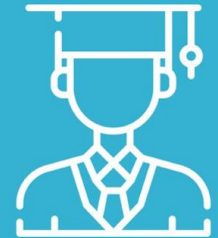
- Chromebook fully charged and in its case.
 - Do not bring the charger to school as it can damage the Chromebook when it is stored in the case.
- A pencil case containing the following:
 - a black biro, red biro and blue biro
 - pencil
 - ruler
 - eraser
- PE kit (on the timetabled day).
- A reading book (KS3 only).



IMPORTANT: If you haven't already done so, please complete your online Risedale [Chromebook Agreement](#). Thank you, Mr Kirkbride.



Equipment



Pupil Portal

Uniform

Required items of uniform:

- ★ Black blazer with logo
- ★ Tie (House colours)
 - Shirt (white)
 - Skirt or trousers (black)
 - Shoes
 - Socks or tights (black / neutral)



Required items of PE Kit:

- ★ Risedale PE t-shirt
- Shorts (navy)
- Socks (navy sports socks)
- Trainers



★ = Branded items of uniform



Uniform



SCHOOLSHOP

Schoolshop



Communications

We communicate regularly by email / telephone / text / post and [My Child at School \(MCAS\)](#) - an online portal for parents that enables you to view your child's performance at school in real-time via the web.



Payments

Payments for lunches/trips etc. are made via [ParentPay](#). We are a cashless school.

Social Media

We have a thriving social media presence - **FOLLOW US TODAY!**



Facebook: [@RisedaleFamily](#)

Twitter: [@RisedaleFamily](#)



Instagram: [@RisedaleFamily](#)

YouTube: [@RisedaleSchool](#)



MCAS



ParentPay

MCAS Parent Portal - Online Parental Engagement

- [MyChildAtSchool \(MCAS\)](#) is an online portal for parents that enables you to view your child's performance at school in real-time via the web.
- Please check MCAS regularly as this facility allows you to access your child's timetable, attendance, behaviour and reports whenever you wish to see the latest available information. Parents can access MCAS via the school [website](#) or can use the MCAS App which can be downloaded from the App/Play Store.
- When your child joined Risedale you were sent details to allow you to access your account. If you have forgotten your Parent Login details click [HERE](#).
- If you have any problems accessing your MCAS account please contact the Admin Team.



MCAS



Forgotten Password

Year 9 Options

- It is important that your child studies a full and inclusive curriculum this year, in preparation for their GCSE options.
- Information on the [Year 9 Options](#) web page will be updated during Spring 2024 when they make their subject selections.
- Subjects on offer may be different from last year.

Key Dates 2024:

- Thursday 14th March: Year 9 Consultation Evening.
- Thursday 21st March: Year 9 Options Evening.
- Period of reflection.
- Online Options form will be sent to parents.

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Calendar & Term Dates